

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert the following new paragraph before paragraph [0001] and renumber the consecutive paragraphs that follow:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/920,294, entitled "Electronic Control Unit and Method for the Automatic Activation of the Parking Brake in Motor Vehicles".

Insert the following new paragraph between paragraphs [0009] and [0010] and renumber the consecutive paragraphs that follow:

Figure 2 is a schematic block diagram of a second embodiment according to the present invention.

Please amend paragraph [0014] as follows:

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[0014] In Referring to Figure 2, in accordance with a second possibility, based on which the motor vehicle can be started with an electronic authorization verification device with a wireless code transmission 18, the arbitrary prevention of the automatic activation of the parking brake can be triggered by inserting the authorization verification device in a holding shaft 18 provided for this purpose.

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For example, a switch is indirectly manually actuated when the authorization verification device is inserted in the holding shaft. Such an authorization verification device can be a magnetic card for example. For example, a holding shaft 18 that is already provided for another module can be used. In the case of an authorization verification device in accordance with German patent document

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DE 198 23 707 A1, the authorization verification device, e.g. in the form of a magnetic card, can be inserted into the shaft of the device to hold additional memory after prior removal. Such an electronic "key", e.g. in the form of a magnetic card, a transponder or additional memory, must therefore be stored at a specified location on the vehicle. This function also corresponds to leaving the key in the ignition.
